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SUBJ: AIFLD PROGRAM

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MILLION'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO SUBJECT PROGRAM AS EXPLAINED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO WILLIAM DOHERTY OF AIFLD:

A. THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF AN AIFLD PRESENCE AT A REASONABLE LEVEL IN BRAZIL. WE CONSIDER THIS ESSENTIALLY AS A HOLDING OPERATION IN THE HOPE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR FREE TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENT IN BRAZIL WILL EVENTUALLY IMPROVE, POSSIBLE IN CONNECTION WITH A SOMEWHAT MORE "OPEN" ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE POST-1974 GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE AUGURIES ARE NOT BRIGHT.

B. IF THE AIFLD WERE TO BE SQUEEZED OUT OF BRAZIL, IT SHOULD BE AS A RESULT OF GOB ACTIONS AND NOT USG ACTIONS.

C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IG APPROVED CASP REDUCING THE AID PROGRAM AND CALLING FOR PROPORTIONAL REDUCTIONS IN AID-ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS AIFLD, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR AIFLD AT A SOMEWHAT REDUCED LEVEL WITHOUT AFFECTING THE CURRENT PROGRAM LEVELS.

D. THE CUTTING BACK PROCESS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY SO THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES FOR

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A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO BRAZILIAN FREE TRADE UNION

DEVELOPMENT AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN THE GOB ATTITUDE,
WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RESPONDE EFFECTIVELY.

2. IN CONCRETE TERMS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1974-

MARCH 31, 1975, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES TO:

A. MAINTAIN RESIDENT ICT COURSES IN SAO PAULO AND
ICT REGIONAL COURSES AT CURRENT LEVELS.

B. INCORPORATE INTO THE ICT PROGRAM THE NORTHEAST
COURSES CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY AIFLD WITH A
CONCURRENT CLOSING OF THE AIFLD RECIFE OFFICE.

C. CONTINUE FRONT ROYAL PARTICIPANT TRAINING AT
THE CURRENT LEVEL.

D. REDUCE THE AIFLD RIO OPERATION TO TWO AMERICANS
AND SIX BRAZILIANS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECOND
AMERICAN POSITION WOULD BE PHASED OUT BY MARCH 1975
UNLESS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEANWHILE GAVE HOPE FOR MORE
EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE EMBASSY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIFLD/BRAZIL,
WILL COST OUT THE LEVELS OF SUPPORT DESCRIBED IN
PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE. OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE IS THAT
SUCH A PROGRAM WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THREE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

4. MR. DOHERTY'S POSITION WAS THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD
CONTINUE AT ITS PRESENT (APRIL 1, 1973-MARCH 31, 1974)
LEVEL, BUT THAT THE MAONEY SAVEY BY CUTTING BACK AIFLD'S
OVERHEAD SHOULD BE APPLIED TO INCREASED ICT AND FRONG
ROYAL PROGRAMMING. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
AGREE WITH THAT POSITION FOR THE REASONS CITED. CRIMMINS

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